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At an assembly at Madison Middle School celebrating improvements on state test scores at the school, Principal Raelyn Parks kisses an 18-pound pig. Below, teacher Mark Succarotte gets a pie in the face from student LaToya Berry.

She really kissed the pig!

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

She looked deeply into his eyes and she knew that this would be the last she would remember for a long time.

Closing her eyes, she reached for his face.

As their lips touched, there was the sound of hundreds of screaming children.

The kiss itself seemed to last forever, and although she knew that he was a pig in the truest sense of the word, she made a promise and had to keep it.

As the teacher walked one final thought went through her mind...

Better the front end of a

horse.

For Madison Middle

School Principal Raelyn

Parks, this was no cheap



romance novel, but the high point of an outdoor assembly that also featured Harris Central School Principal David Becherer kissing the north end of a southbound horse (actually one of the horse's flanks).

Thursday's assembly was

to celebrate the school's improvement in Illinois' Gifted Academic Program test scores. Parks and Becherer had agreed to their unromantic kisses if students' test scores climbed

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Ed Hightower to address Chamber

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Ed Hightower, educator and Division-I NCAA referee, is the featured speaker for the 58th annual Membership Meeting of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Thursday.

The Chamber will award its prestigious Achievement Award to three companies that have been members for 40 years or more. The new officers and new members of the board of directors also will be installed. The banquet begins at 6 p.m. at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville.

Hightower is recognized locally and nationally for his achievement in education and for civic contributions. The supporters of Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7, Hightower's awards include the 1989 Illinois

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It's hard to beat a legend.

Despite opposition, annexation is OK'd

East Madison becomes part of city

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

It didn't take long for the city of Madison to start working in East Madison. Police patrols in the area started immediately after the city annexed the area — while the Council was still meeting — and street department crews were at work the next day cleaning up brush and weeds.

The annexation took place at a special meeting Wednesday. The Council voted unanimously to absorb the neighborhood and its approximately 300 residents.

The Council had been expected to vote on the annexation then, but delayed action because legal notice had not been given in time.

East Madison residents filled the council chambers during the meeting, but not as many showed up as the last regular meeting when the annexation was discussed.

At Wednesday's meeting, Mayor John Hamm spent some time before and after the vote answering questions about what the city had planned.

One opponent of the annexation, East Madison resident John Hightower, who had presented a petition against the annexation at the last meeting, spoke before the vote, saying that the area should not be annexed because it was not fully surrounded and had



Scott Cousins photo

Madison Street Department worker Alton Dubish clears weeds from a street corner in East Madison Thursday.

"incorporated" into a fire protection district in the early 1900s.

City Attorney Casper Nighoghossian said that creating the fire protection district, which will be divided because the city provides fire protection — did not matter. Both he and Hamm also explained that the city did completely surround East Madison.

Also speaking against the annexation was Nameoki Township Clerk Helen Hawkins.

"They are being pushed too far into something," she said. Portions of East Madison

within 200 feet of McCambridge Avenue will come into the city's zone 3-2 — which is business district — while the rest of the area will be zoned for single family residences.

Hamm told the crowd that any existing residential property in the business district will not be affected.

He also said a packet of informational material would be sent to residents in the near future.

Jo Poshard visits area officials

Candidate's wife tours county

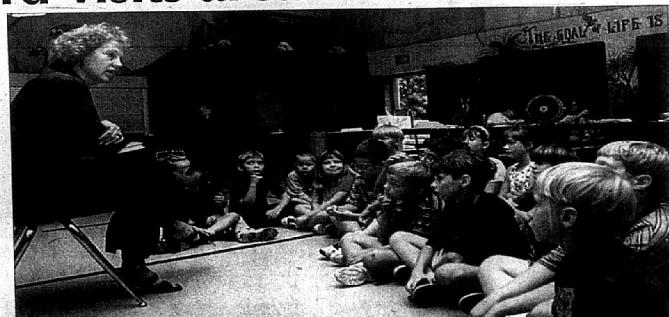
By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Democrats honored "the next First Lady of Illinois" as Jo Poshard, wife of gubernatorial candidate Glenn Poshard, toured Madison County Wednesday.

After several stops around the county, including meeting with Madison County Board members and officials, as well as students at the Madison School's Latchkey program, Poshard stopped at the newly-opened Madison County Democratic Headquarters in Nameoki.

Jo Poshard is facing Republican George Ryan, the secretary of state, in the November election.

At the Democratic headquarters, Jo Poshard met with several Democrat notables and supporters, including Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa, Madison County Democratic Party Chairman Mac Warfield, State's Attorney William Haine and U.S. House District 20 candidate Rick Verticchio. The Democrats cheered Jo

Tim Stephenson photo
Jo Poshard, wife of Democrat gubernatorial candidate Glenn Poshard, visited Nameoki School students in the Latchkey Program Wednesday. She was also the guest of honor for the opening of the Madison County Democratic Headquarters in Nameoki.

Poshard and twice hailed her as the next First Lady of the state of Illinois.

"We're looking on a great

vote for Madison County,"

Poshard said. She told

supporters not to worry about

polls that indicate her husband

is behind Ryan.

"He said 'I don't care what

the polls say. I care what

we're winning in this race,'"

she said, quoting her husband. In the

primary last spring, Glenn

Poshard was listed as running

third and was 18 points down,

she said, but he went on to

win.

"Tell the people that (Ryan's) negative ads are total

garbage," she said. "(Critics

and pundits) don't know Glenn

Poshard," she said.

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Democratic headquarters opens

The Democratic Party held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday for its Madison County election headquarters.

Anyone wanting candidate information or lawn signs should stop by the headquarters at 3717-H Nameoki Road in Granite City.

For Granite City residents, Madison County Democratic Party Chairman Mac Warfield said that as of last Friday, they could now display lawn signs in accordance with city ordinance.

Letters to the Editor
East Side Publications, Attn. Letters,
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Opinions



Sound Off

Speak your mind, 618/277-9520

Do voters feel abandoned by Sen. Moseley-Braun?

Why don't you like Carol Moseley-Braun anymore? The last time I came up at dinner the other night with my wife, Christy.

Christy is a liberal. She voted for Carol Moseley-Braun in 1996, and even volunteered on her campaign — something she said she'd never do again after being raised in a political family where she was often obligated to "volunteer" for one cause or another.

But the sprauhn is long gone. Now Christy was trying to figure out what had snuffed it out.

Well, there was that Medicare thing. Moseley-Braun and her siblings were caught emptying their mother's savings account and then declaring her poor enough to qualify for government aid for her

nursing home care. But that didn't spoil her image of Moseley-Braun? Not really, she said.

So, what else could it have been? Christy couldn't quite put her finger on it.

Was it the time? No, Moseley-Braun had not intended to do anything wrong on those flights into foreign policy.

Was it her ex-fiancée, the infamous Kasie?

Matthews? Well, people get involved with relationships and things happen, say no.

After all, she did it for awhile she came to the conclusion that she feels "abandoned." This is something that I have seen happen a lot of time, not only about Christy, but about the rest of the state as well.

The voters of Illinois were immensely proud of themselves back in 1992 for electing a black woman to the U.S. Senate. To the majority of people it just seemed like the absolute right thing to do at the time. Sure, she had some problems, but that was history.

The day after Moseley-Braun won the 1992 spring primary beating the "unbeatable" incumbent Democrat Alan Dixon, she hit the streets of Chicago and was descended upon by hundreds of truly sincere well-wishers. But instead of

taking a couple of victory laps after her landslide win in November, she split for an African vacation almost immediately.

People felt abandoned. They had just handed Moseley-Braun an incredible gift, an unprecedented opportunity and she didn't even say a word long enough to thank them before heading to some foreign country.

And it felt like she never came back.

Her colleague at the time, then Sen. Paul Simon, held town hall meetings on most weekends. He became a familiar face throughout Illinois, but for the past six years a sighting of

Moseley-Braun has been beyond rare, even though she has won much-deserved kudos for her behind-the-scenes work for the state.

A political reporter in

Chicago quickly dubbed her "Senator Symbol" because she appeared so intent on playing up the fact that she had been the first black U.S. Senator. But I think we expected some what of that. We knew that she would probably be a darling of the media. Me, though, we thought that we should be sharing a corner of the spotlight. After all, we were the ones who elected her despite her terribly amateurish campaign.

Unfortunately, he didn't live up to word. Six years later, not even a national Republican

leader could do it for him from the voters' wrath, and Paul Simon was handed the golden chalice.

Sen. Simon never forgot that victory belonged to her completely. She seemed ungrateful.

Is there an element of racism to those sentiments? You might be able to argue that point, but I would remind you that the title of one of our U.S. Senators got too big for his britches and forgot to

come back to Illinois to play his respects on a regular basis we booted him out of office.

Do you remember Charles Percy? In the 1992 election, Percy solemnly promised that he'd change his ways and remember to visit his state every now and then. He barely avoided defeat at the hands of a total unknown.

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(Rich Miller is an independent journalist who covers government issues for the Illinois Press Association.

Letters to the editor

Line of succession would be altered

TO THE EDITOR:
If the United States were to lose a president through death, resignation or impeachment, one could assume the vice president would take over.

If we were also to lose the vice president through death, imprisonment or collapse, then, by other vice, one could assume the Secretary of State would take over.

That lady, not being born in the United States, one says, one could then assume that the Speaker of the House would get the job.

Is that what CNN has been working on?

TOM RANDANT
Collinsville

Cigars are not glamorous at all

TO THE EDITOR:
During the past year, I have noticed that cigars have become the trendiest symbol among the young, a sign to show how independent or free-spirited one can be.

In the past few months, I have noticed that in the hands of sportscasters, actors, journalists and politicians, including the President. When the Chicago Bulls won the NBA championship, I was rather surprised to watch some team members light up cigars on the floor of the basketball court.

Cigar smoking is not glamorous. Cigars can be just as damaging to your health as cigarettes. They cause cancer, throat, larynx, esophagus and lungs. Cigar smokers have the same risk for emphysema as cigarette smokers. Research links cigar with stroke, heart disease and lung disease. Cigars produce second-hand smoke detrimental to those around them, just like cigarettes.

The sad part is that some

impressionable people, including children, will experiment with cigars to appear more sophisticated. Kids are very perceptive of what they think cool adults do. Unfortunately, some kids who want simply to imitate their heroes end up with lifetime nicotine habits.

I urge my patients, especially my young ones, to think for themselves and not fall for the trappings of slick commercials, celebrities, endorsements or the bad habits of public figures. Cigar smoking, just like cigarette smoking, is very bad news.

Don't do it.
DAVID J. FULTON, DDS
President, Chicago
Dental Society

Be wary of excessive material on roofs

TO THE EDITOR:
Roofing contractors are usually the most and good workers. Be aware, however, of those few who charge extra for putting plywood on top of their regular roofing job costs.

Some home roofers put excessive plywood on where it is not needed simply because they can make a big profit out of it. The more they put on the roof, the more they make.

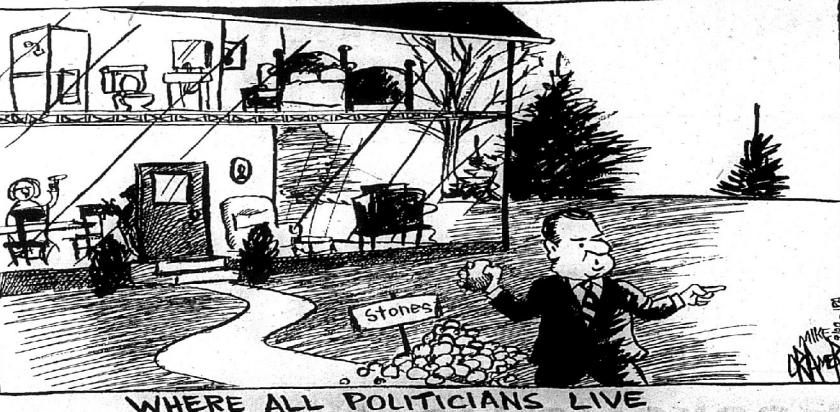
Some of these roofers charge for many more sheets of plywood than they actually use. This plywood costs them about \$11 for a 4-by-8 sheet, and they charge \$30 per sheet. You could be charged as much as \$1,000 more than the job should cost.

Another point: Be aware of the grade of shingles used.

You could be charged for 25-year shingles and only receive 20-year shingles.

I am a retired builder and if you have had a problem with roofers, call me at 345-4984. I may be able to help.

LEONARD MOONINGHAM
Collinsville



'And remember the ladies' — 150 years

By **By Letitia Didrickson**

On Aug. 26, we marked the 78th anniversary of the women's right to vote — the 19th Amendment — and this year marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the women's rights movement. Illinois was the first state to ratify the amendment in 1920.

In the past 150 years, staggering changes for women have come about over seven generations. Women have won the right to vote, to work, to go to college, to government, in employment, in education — but they did not just happen.

Ours is a country established on individual freedom and equal rights. Yet the women who stood beside our very founding fathers were

denied these fundamental rights.

Agigail Adams cautioned her husband John Quincy Adams during the drafting of the Declaration of Independence, "Remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors."

The rest is history.

The Women's Rights Movement marks July 13, 1848, as its beginning, a summer day in Seneca Falls, New York, a young housewife and mother, Elizabeth Cady Stanton was invited to speak at a women's rights meeting.

From that moment on, the course of their conversation turned to the situation of women. Stanton discussed her discontent with the limitations placed on her

own situation under America's new democracy. Women had not gained freedom even though they'd taken

tremendous risks through the dangerous years of their American Revolution. Wouldn't it be a Republic benefit from women playing more active roles in society? The four other women agreed with Mrs. Stanton, so they decided to plan and carry out a specific large scale program — a convention.

Today, we are celebrating and living the legacy of that first meeting. Women are among those five women friends. They daringly agreed to convene the world's first Women's Rights Convention. With only 100 women in attendance, they picked a date, found a location and placed an ad in the Seneca County paper. They called a convention to discuss the social, civil and religious condition and rights of women.

The convention would

take place at the Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls on July 19 and 20, 1848.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton drafted the "Declaration of Sentiments" for the convention, and here are some excerpts:

"The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations on the part of man against woman, having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over her. To prove this, let facts be submitted to the world.

Men have been so dead in the eyes of the law. Women were not allowed to vote.

Women had to submit to laws that they had no voice in their formation.

Married women had no property rights.

Husbands had legal power over the responsibility for their wives to the extent that they could imprison or beat them.

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Voice Box

What is your favorite part of the newspaper?



"Sports page, for the school's scores to see what the kids are doing. Also, school articles. The Journal does a great service for school involvement."

Sister Deanne Stratmann,
50th
Belleville
School principal

"Sports, for Mark McGwire coverage — I hang the pictures up."

Justin Done, 13
Belleville
Student

"Front page. Society has a great impact on children and their parents."

Kitty Kies, 40ish
Belleville
Clinical counselor

"Sports, for the home run race, and Garfield comics."

Nick Ganey, 9
Belleville
Student

"Sports, for the home run race. (Mark) McGwire is a good role model. I cut out the sports photos."

Kelli Martin, 10
Belleville
Student

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State board denies home closing

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

County officials say they may go to court to close the Madison County Nursing Home after a state board denied their request to close it. The Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board unanimously voted Friday to deny the request presented by Madison County Administrator James Monday at the board's meeting in the Springfield Hilton.

"I thought they would see our argument as far as the Nursing Home was," Monday said. "It could not handle the legalities of an administrative review process in the courts and I suspect that's the best decision."

"We clearly have to do something because we don't have enough residents."

Monday said the Nursing Home is operating at a \$10,000-per-month deficit because only 29 residents remain and the county is still paying the provider for its contribution or the Medicaid program.

"Overall, there was a \$2.4 million surplus in the Nursing Home and Sheltered Care Home budget when the Madison County Board voted 15-12 to close the homes in April."

That vote followed county voters rejecting a \$4.5 million bond issue that would increase to combine the homes in March.

But one of the board's main concerns was the "misleading" wording of the referendum.

"We had no choice," said Monday, adding that the news media supplied the information about what the referendums proposed.

"The States Attorney says we can't put a referendum on that," he said. "Do you want to be in the nursing-home business or not? The law says the county can't spend tax money on an advisory referendum," he said.

He didn't know how much or if the state will fine the county if it fails to close the homes by the end of October. An ad hoc committee will meet to discuss its options at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Administration Building.

The county board voted in September to withdraw its application to close the Sheltered Care Home unless it can find buyers for specialized-care residents.

Monday said two or three private investors have expressed interest in maintaining the home.

Once a decision is made on the Sheltered Care Home, county officials are likely to bring the issue back before the state board.

About 25 supporters of the homes attended the state board's meeting, and many agreed that the referendum was worded poorly.

"I think the people who did this will that the County Board could've handled the whole thing differently, and had a lot more public input," said Gary Grotteka, a chairman of the County Homes Action Committee.

State Health Facilities Planning Board Chairman Pam Taylor asked if the county has invited residents back to the Sheltered Care Home since it is leaving the facility open. She asked if the patients who moved out are okay in their new homes.

Other state board members asked if the county has discussed putting the referendum back on the ballot.

Enforcement plan endorsed

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

A plan to speed enforcement of nuisance ordinances in unincorporated areas of Madison County appears likely to fly, but not without a fight from board member Don Garrett.

The Madison County Board Legislative Committee approved the plan on a 4-1 vote.

Thursday, with Garrett the only no vote, the Land Use Committee approved the measure Tuesday.

Under the plan, dozens of ordinance violations would go first to an administrative hearing officer, instead of circuit court, where they may get tied up for years.

The full County Board is expected to vote on the measure Oct. 21.

"It's a slap in the face to the circuit court," Garrett said during the committee meeting Thursday. "It's an attempt to circumvent the circuit court."

Chief Circuit Judge Ande Matoesian said he has misgivings about the constitutionality of

the proposal but reserved comment. He also pointed out that municipalities in other parts of the state have been accused of setting up similar programs only to get the added revenue from the fines.

But Joe Pente, the director of building, housing and zoning, said the measure is a means of speeding up compliance with the county's ordinances covering nuisances, such as junk and trash on private property or dogs running at large.

State Attorney Bill Haine said cases that go to circuit court must compete with thousands of other more serious cases for the attention of the judges.

Under the proposed plan, the hearing officer would be allowed to hear the cases under the normal legal rules and impose a fine if he or she finds in favor of the county.

Nelson Metz, the chief of the Civil Division, said the system would be similar to the existing administrative compensation cases, which are heard administratively at the right of the appeal still in place.

Haine said the hearing officer would be a licensed attorney, who has sworn to adhere to a code of ethics.



Scott Cousins photo

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Herb Clay, left, and Susan Taylor and Jean Schram of Chestnut Health Systems look over available space at the new Madison County Probation Department Community Corrections Center in Madison.

New probation center lauded

Clients now have easier time meeting program's rules

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

About 100 people showed up for an open house at the new Madison County Probation Department Community Corrections Center in Madison.

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Herb Clay, who oversees the 13 workers at the center, said things were going smoothly.

"We're up and running," he said. "Probationers are through here all the time—every day, we're familiarizing ourself with the community and with getting positive responses from the community."

He also said preliminary indications show that having the location will increase probationers' ability and inclination to report.

"It's very difficult for it to be here when we're right here in the community, we're accessible," Clay said. "In talking with some of the officers, some probationers were having a problem getting to East Alton, and that's not a problem now."

Clay said the office would be a representative of Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities, a program dealing with substance abuse, and that having the local offices was a big plus.

"It's working really well," she said. "I had one client who came off the street today to ask, 'How am I? I was able to just walk in and I was able to just walk in.'

Juvenile Probation Officer Kate Schroeder echoed those thoughts.

"We love being in the community and being able to have people just stop in when they have a problem," she said.

Schroeder said she wants to develop an exercise program for some of the girls she deals

with.

She said that while there are many programs for male juvenile offenders, very few programs are offered for girls.

She wants to offer a low-impact exercise program that would include information and talks about nutrition, goals and other topics.

"It would get the girls off the streets," she said.

"They're hanging around with their boyfriends—a lot of them sell drugs, and the program would give them positive alternatives."

She added that the program could get some of them to think about goals and the future.

Clay said it would probably take some time to develop the programs and services they want.

"We want to provide our girls with an education program, a treatment program for alcohol and drugs, job service, mental health—we'd like this to be a full-service recreational center," he said.

"We are very excited about being here and are looking forward to the challenges of meeting the problems that probationers face and upgrading their existence," he said.

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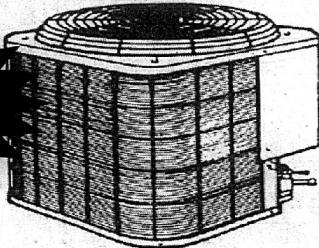
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Violence policy under study

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

With little fanfare, the Granite City School Board approved the 1998-9 budget Tuesday night, and renewed contracts with several beneficial programs.

Despite other reports that said the budget has a \$1.9 million deficit, Superintendent Steve Balen said that the \$53.4 million budget is in good shape.

Moving money from the state fund to the educational fund merely gives the appearance of a deficit, he said.

In addition, the district's fund balance-to-expenses ratio is 14.7 percent, said Kyle McQuaid, district finance director, and the budget meets all the district's educational needs.

In other business, Balen announced that board members will review the district's proposed school safety policy this week. The proposed plan will involve new guidelines for teachers and principals to identify and remove potentially dangerous students from school.

The new policy, which the board may adopt this month, was sparked by deadly shooting incidents in other states earlier this year.

In other business, the board approved contracts for dental screening services offered by Delta Dental Plan, and participating in the dental sealant program. The sealants are thin plastic coatings applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth to prevent tooth decay and are sponsored by Healthy Moms Healthy Kids in cooperation with Wood River Hospital. Both are offered at no cost to the district.

"This is the fourth year of providing dental sealants to students in the district," Balen said. "Many students, especially those of lower socio-economic means, would not (otherwise) have the ability to see a dentist."

The board also renewed its intergovernmental agreement with the city of Granite City for the DARE program, which Balen said has a long-standing history of success.

Finally, board members approved a contract with Good Samaritan House, a Madison County-based organization that helps homeless children.

"Last year, we were one of two districts in the state to allocate a grant to serve homeless children," Balen said. The \$40,000 grant will allow the district to buy services as required, such as transporting students from the House to schools.

Nursing education instructor joins BAC faculty

Rita Sander has joined the faculty of Belleville Area College as a full-time nursing education instructor on the college's Kansas City campus.

A nurse specializing in trauma care for 27

years, Sander was the first trauma instructor at St. Luke's, having helped the state to establish trauma rules and regulations. She has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Avila College in Kansas City.

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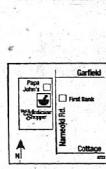
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Cardinals' season ends, but McGwire mania continues

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

The regular baseball season has ended, but you won't hear it in Collinsville.

"That's because Mark McGwire mania is alive and well here, as it likely will be for some time. Collinsville is, after all, home to Tim Fornier."

Fornier, 22, scooped up the record-breaking 62nd home run ball and promptly returned it to the base-rounding king during an all-out celebration following the Sept. 8 Cardinals-Cubs game.

(For a complete look at this history-making season, see a special section devoted to McGwire's accomplishments in today's paper.)

McGwire, the Cardinals hard-hitting first baseman who hit his 70th home run last month, is everywhere. You can buy his name or likeness, or it's in demand. Few people know that like Michael and Steven Castelli.

The Collinsville brothers own the Dizzy Dugout, 104 S. Morrison.

"We have about 20 percent of what we've had all season," Michael Castelli said. "With all the tribute novelties, stuff is just flooding in."

Mint coins, framed posters, plaques, street and parking signs, T-shirts and shirts are just a few of the items practically flying out the door, Castelli said. There also is tremendous interest in the Mark McGwire "Bambino," a stuffed beanbag bear similar to those in the Beanie Baby line.

Castelli said the bears are made by a sports card manufacturer who usually deals in limited edition statues. Orders for the figures are taken now.

"This is their entry into the low-end of the market," Castelli said. "I don't think they could have anticipated the popularity of this."

McGwire sports cards also are waxing in popularity and value. His 1995 rookie U.S. Olympic card sold for \$100 last year, now lists at \$100 but is selling for \$300 to \$400.

Not even a card is a moneymaker. Castelli said that many of the slugger's trading cards

are worth only \$1 to \$2.

"We've literally sold thousands of them," Castelli said. "We've never seen anything like it."

That's saying something for the Castelli brothers, who are marking their 10th year in business and who will celebrate a decade of success ownership in January.

But, for business and making a buck aren't what it's all about. Castelli said the store is donating part of the proceeds from McGwire items to the Mark McGwire Foundation, which assists abused children. During the month, shopping bags are given a "thank you" card that will be given to McGwire with that donation Jan. 1.

Customers who spend \$50 or more are given a free McGwire lithograph.

The lithograph also has invigorated collectors and brought many new faces into the shop, Castelli said.

"I've seen two or three generations come in that are collecting together and that is what's neat," Castelli said. "You hope it'll keep with them for a long time."

In spite of all the clamor over collectibles, some fans created their own memories.

Susan Philbrick of Collinsville and her daughter, Tamme, took at the Sept. 27 Cardinals game against the Montreal Expos when McGwire hit his last two homers. Philbrick was picking up her prints at Jonathan's Photo, 1059 B.L. Lincoln Road, and leaving them at the ticket of them.

"I was a little anxious to get these back," Philbrick said as she came across one shot of McGwire at the plate, hitting No. 70.

Philbrick's family regularly participate in a promotion that gives away tickets to the last home game.

"We always hope they'll be in the playoffs or some other big deal so I was really excited because I was going to quite a few (games) this year," she said.

"I saw No. 1 and No. 62 and some in between, but the ones in the middle really didn't count," Philbrick said.

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The new officers are: Robert Pohl, Jr., president; Philip Jozwiak, president-elect; Steven Skasiek, vice president; Michael Dynack, secretary; Mark Collier, treasurer; and Marsia Gelder-Murphy, director. Jeff Fouse is past president, and Robert Berry and John Neath, Jr., will continue as directors.

Scholarships were awarded to Michael Trello of Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville; Diana Stewart of SIU at Carbondale and Michael Roarke of Washington University in St. Louis.

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God's Word says, "Laughter is medicine for the bones," and "A merry heart doeth . . .

Flu shots slated for state employees

The Illinois Department of Central Management Services will offer free influenza shots to all state employees during October and November in various health departments and clinics.

In Madison County, shots will be offered from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 26-28 in the Alton Department of Health Services Public Building.

In St. Clair County, shots will be offered from 9-11:30 a.m. Oct. 21 in the Kenneth Hall Building, 10 Collinsville St., in East St. Louis, and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays during October and November at SIUE Community Nursing Services, 411 E. Broadway, Suite 4956, in East St. Louis.

All state employees enrolled in the state health plan are eligible for the free shots. Employees may qualify for the free vaccination by presenting a State of Illinois employee ID card or state health insurance card.

This is the sixth year the state has offered immunizations to its employees. Last year, more than 31,000 employees received vaccinations with a considerable savings to the state.

A New You



Catherine Galasso

good as a medicine."

If you feel you have lost your sense of humor, ask God for one and He will gladly give it to you. His word says it is for you to ask.

So begin to look for that sense of humor to pop up in all aspects of your life. Forget the mistakes of the past. God loves you. Remember the old saying, "Laughter is the world will laugh with you."

Readed Adel Haggerty wrote, "Way back in the days of my school my mom was in my photograph book a verse I will always recall:

"The world is like a mirror/reflecting what you do/and when you face a smiling/smile right back at you."

I like the verse in the Bible that says, "The Lord loves an even balance." Find time to relax and watch the squirrels at the bird feeder at your home.

Maybe you can clip a cartoon from the newspaper and send it to a friend. Smile and nod a "hello" to everyone

you see. Send a warm thank you note to a person who has enriched your life.

Enjoy the companionship of loved ones and friends. Laughter can spark creativity, so inject humor into your business environment in memos or meetings.

Bring good cheer wherever you go and find happiness in the simple things of life. Count your blessings and thank God for giving you another precious day.

Soon you will be able to sing like the psalmist. "You have turned my mourning into dancing and clothed me with joy." Psalm 30:11.

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the Suburban Journal. She may write to her at Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

If a situation is troubling you, share it with a trusted friend and let it in God's hands. Try not to talk about it over and over again.

If you don't keep rehashing the circumstances in your mind, it will affect on your will lose its power and fade away. Your joy will return quickly as you brighten up your day by doing something kind and unexpected for someone who is feeling down.

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The exercise program is held at Belleville Health and Sports Center, 1001 S. 74th Street, Belleville.

Information:

Class size is limited. To register, call Memorial's Community Relations Department at (618) 257-5649.



Conservation helped curtail soil loss, state survey finds

Conservation efforts helped keep soil loss at tolerable levels despite heavy spring rains, according to the 1998 Illinois state conservation survey.

"Illinois farmland faced a number of challenges this year, particularly the wet spring," Illinois Agriculture Director Becky Doyle said. "But Illinois farmers continue to see both the economic and environmental significance of reduced tillage, waterway management and other conservation efforts. These practices helped prevent further runoff during heavy spring rains."

According to the survey, 86.5 percent of the state's 23 million acres of cropland registered soil loss levels below T (tolerable soil loss), rates at which soil naturally replaces itself, compared to 86.2 percent for 1997.

The survey also showed that Illinois farmers continue to support conservation practices. The number of no-till soybean acres jumped a percentage point to 36.3 percent, or 3.5 million acres. Small-grains acreage using no-till increased by 3 percent to 33.8 million acres, or 3.4 million acres. Corn saw a 2 percentage point reduction in acres utilizing no-till. Still, a total of 5.2 million acres of Illinois farmland employ no-till practices, the same as last year.

Heavy spring rains did hamper some conservation efforts in 1998. Many farmers had to replant, increasing tillage and reducing crop residue. The survey showed 38.6 percent of fields had greater than 30 percent residue in 1998, compared to 43.3 percent of farmland in 1997. The rains had their greatest effect on mulch-till acreage.

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News

Hurricane sidetracks annual golf trip

By Alene Hill
Staff writer

When Ron Bridell and Ron Demond headed to New Orleans Sept. 24 for their annual golf trip, the last thing they expected to encounter was Hurricane Georges.

"When we left, the storm was at 100 (Florida) Keys," Bridell said. "We didn't even think about it."

Bridell of Collinsville, owner of Bridell Construction

Co., and Demond of Caseyville, owner of Demond Electrical Contracting, planned to return last Sunday.

On the evening of Sept. 25, there was little indication where the storm was headed, Bridell said.

"(That) night, we were at Jimmy Buffet's place. Macau, having the French Quarter and they were saying the storm was still 365 miles out," he said.

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was heading for New Orleans, and they were preparing for a direct hit, Bridell said.

Call him and his rental car agency, and even to

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On Monday afternoon, he said, the driving rain had slowed down. The mandatory lockdowns and curfews had been lifted by Monday evening.

"On Tuesday, people were out and it had cleared up," he said.

Despite the threat of danger, Bridell said he and Demond had fun.

"I called my wife, she asked me if Rocky and I were still talking," he said. "But we got along."

After a mad rush for the airport Wednesday to catch a flight home, the men finally did make it back, three days later than anticipated but willing to return but willing to return.

"It was crazy trying to get

home with everyone else who was in our shoes, but after they kept canceling our flights we finally did get home," he said. "I'm glad to get home and I'm looking forward to the weather a little more. But it doesn't happen that often on the Gulf side and we did have a good time."

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Basic Supplies
• Sheet Moss
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• Floral Wire
• Floral Pins (or floral wire bent in a "U" shape)
• Adhesive floral tape (or narrow masking tape)
• Serrated Knife
• Scissors
• Wire Cutters
• Low Temperature Glue and Gun
• Clear Acrylic Spray or Aerosol Hair Spray

There are many items you can use to create your dried decor piece. Try a straw grapevine wreath or basket. Bamboo or ceramic vases and baskets are just a few items that make great containers. You can buy these ready made or create your own with a foam block for the base, wooden dowel for the stem and a foam ball for the top.

Secure the foam with two pieces of adhesive floral tape criss-crossed over the top of the foam and adhering to the top rim of your container.

Cover foam with sheet moss and secure with floral pins. Depending on the style of your decor piece, you may want to allow some of the sheet moss to show.

When you make a wreath or swag, flowers can be secured directly to the surface using a low-temperature glue gun. They can also be secured with floral pins. Trying to wire the flower stems to the wreath or swag can cause breakage due to fragile stems.

After selecting what dried flowers you would like to

use, cut flower stems into desired lengths. Apply glue to end of stem and insert into foam. Small flowers can be broken into small clusters and glued into your floral decor. Pine cones can offer an added dimension and texture to any arrangement. Place wire around the base, twist and insert into foam, or use a wreath. Any small pieces of flowers, pods or leaves left over can be used later to fill in where needed.

When decorating an arch, attach one of each style of dried flowers to each end of the arch with floral pins. Use varying lengths of flowers for a more natural look. Continue to attach flowers to arch in layers, working your way toward the center by alternating between the two ends. This will help make the arch even on both sides and evenly space out your flowers.

Maintenance Tips

To prevent fading, never put your dried decor in direct sunlight. Even many commercially preserved flowers will fade over time.

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Child support computer system errors corrected

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Parents who pay child support may have occasionally noticed minor billing errors this year.

Judy Nelson, chief deputy of the Madison County Circuit Clerk's office, said the computer system in the child support office has been generating supposed billing amounts since the system was hired in January.

"We've had to hand-generate bills for a long time," Nelson said. "There was a lot of hair-pulling and teeth-grasping for the clerks. Now they're all really pleased."

With about 10,000 children in Madison County who rely on monthly child support, the

glitch was quite a problem. Nelson said the errors weren't necessarily with the regular amount of the checks, but rather with late fees or the annual \$36 fee the office charges for processing child support payments.

She also said some bills were sent to people who didn't owe any money for child support. If we billed wrong people we usually call and tell them it's a mistake," she said. "To correct the information took an incredible amount of time. The five clerks in the child support office and the one supervisor tell me (the system) now runs better than ever."

Parents pay child support until the child turns 18 years old. Some may even have to continue to pay if back support is still owed.

Mother sues over death of hiker

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

The mother of a hiker killed by debris falling from the Alton bluffs last spring is suing a property owner she believes responsible for the death.

The attorney for Dianne Schofield, administrator of the estate of Samuel Malachai Bridges, filed suit in Madison County Circuit Court Wednesday against the owner of the 1100 block of Exchange Street in Alton.

The wrongful death lawsuit seeks more than \$50,000 from Cranmer, alleging that he failed to keep fill material on his bluff-side property

from spilling down from the bluffs.

Bridges, 20, of Alton, was hit in the head and killed April 26 as he was hiking in an area along West Broadway known as The Caves. The site is posted with "No Trespassing" and "Call 911" signs but frequently draws visitors, police said.

Cranmer, 71, was charged with a misdemeanor count of reckless conduct after Alton police officers were threatened by falling rocks. They responded at the scene in response to Bridges' death.

The charge was dropped Aug. 10 "basically for lack of evidence" by the Madison County State's Attorney's Office, said Ted Barylske of Alton, a lawyer who represented Cranmer.

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Harris School Principal Dave Becherer kisses a horse during a Madison Middle School assembly.

Pig gets a kiss from principal

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significantly. And that was exactly what happened.

Raw data from the Illinois State Board of Education showed the district's 1998 school year IGAP scores — the standardized scores used in the school district's "report card"

showed an almost 20 percent increase over last year.

In the Madison district, 17 of 18 test areas showed improvement, including all tests at the middle school.

The tests are given to third, fourth, sixth, seventh, eighth, 10th and 11th grade students in reading, math, writing, science and social science.

The district had received criticism in the past few years for low test scores. Last year, Madison Middle School and Madison High School were among the 80 schools statewide moved to the Illinois State Board of Education academic watch list.

Schools are placed on the watch list if more than 50 percent of their students tested are scored as not having met state standards, or test scores go down three years in a row.

Parks said the improvements were dramatic.

"We improved our scores by 20 percent, and we improved in every test score area from the fourth grade to the seventh grade," Parks said.

"Test scores were very significant for us because we were on the watch list last year, and we really felt like we were under the gun," she said.

In addition to making some changes to better equip the students to take the tests, she said there were given other incentives.

"Several of us decided to present a challenge to the kids," she said. "My challenge was if we zapped IGAP, I'd kiss a pig."

"We wanted to pump the kids up," Parks said. "I'm really proud of the kids and very happy to kiss the pig."

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Chamber of Commerce's Membership Meeting is Thursday

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Distinguished Principals Award, the 1993 Illinois Principal of the Year and the National Distinguished Principal's Award in 1993.

In basketball, he has officiated at seven Final Four tournaments and currently referees for Big Ten, Big Eight, Great 8, Missouri Valley and Metro conferences. He also was offered but declined a slot with the NBA. In 1995, Hightower received the Golden Whistle award from the National Association of Sports Officials for his contributions to his community and sports officials at all levels.

In addition to Hightower's retirement, the chamber plans to install the new officers. Steve Signall, president; Glenn O'Bryan, 1st vice president; Robin Thomas, 2nd vice president; and Jack Grieves, treasurer.

Signall is the senior vice president of Mercantile Bank/Central Bank, Granite City Bank Center, and is a member of Elks 1070 and the Granite City Board of Realtors. He is a graduate of Granite City High School, attended SIU at Edwardsville and is a graduate of the



Ed Hightower



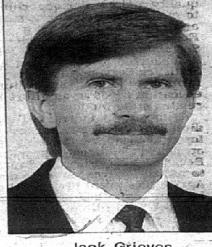
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Signall is a 41-year resident of Granite City. Elizabeth Signall, and they have two daughters, Sarah, 20, and Jane, 18. He is also involved in sponsorship with the Granite City High School, including the High School Arts Program, Young Authors program and high school athletic programs.

O'Bryan is director of the Granite City High School Activities Wrecking Co. and general manager of Central C&D Recycling Inc. He is also

president of O'Bryan Consulting Inc. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and a registered professional engineer. O'Bryan has been active in the Melvin Eastagra Foundation in environmental matters, community affairs and public relations. He also serves on the board of directors for Trailblazer Inc. O'Bryan is married to Lynn O'Bryan and they have three children, Jake, 18, Sarah, 17, and Taylor, 15. He also helps with school initiatives and

fundraising. Thomas is vice president of First Bank of Granite City, head of the Retail Lending department. She has worked in the banking industry since 1984 and joined First Bank in 1994.

Thomas is married to Ronald Thomas, and they have three children, Taylor, 12, and Jennifer, 12. Aside from her professional career, she enjoys golfing, swimming, floral decorating and landscaping.

Grieves is vice president at

IP program aims to help attract business

Illinois Power has established an innovative program designed to help local communities be more competitive in attracting new businesses and create jobs. Called Partners in Development, the new program will help communities become better prepared to support business and industrial expansion. By improving their preparedness, communities are eligible to receive a broad range of economic development and marketing services from Illinois Power to promote growth.

"There's fierce competition from surrounding states in attracting new business and industry, so it's important to identify the issues our communities can address to attain a higher level of preparedness," said Steve Warren, community development manager for Illinois Power.

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The program was created by Illinois

Power's New Customer Development program. Communities are given one of four preparedness ratings based on their organization, structure, planning, available properties inventory, the availability of community data and marketing program.

"We also evaluate communities in terms of their economic development potential, such as the quality of their labor force or proximity to an interstate highway, so that we can help identify communities that have high potential, but are underrepresented in the market."

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Farmers seeking soil research

Illinois farmers want more research on soil quality and greater opportunities to learn how to make their operations more profitable, according to the Illinois Research and Education Survey conducted for the Illinois Sustainable Agriculture Committee.

Conducted by the Illinois Agricultural Statistics Service, the survey asked Illinois farmers to identify agricultural research and education needs in an effort to prioritize related state funding.

"This survey is believed to be the first to directly identify and address Illinois farmers' top priorities for research and education," Illinois Agriculture Director Becky Doyle said. "The department intends to use survey responses to direct Sustainable Agriculture grant projects that address those priorities."

About 2,200 Illinois farmers were randomly surveyed. The Sustainable Agriculture Committee, the Illinois Department of

Agriculture, universities, private researchers and other decision-makers will use the information to establish priorities for conducting research and providing information to producers. Information collected in the survey was ranked and categorized based on geographic location, age of farmer or operator and size of operation. The top research priorities were topsoil research priority, followed by crop rotation, consumer attitudes and behaviors, improved water management techniques and nutrient cycling. Profitability was the primary consideration. Other agricultural interests included soil quality, marketing, conservation practices and water management techniques.

Those interested in obtaining a complete copy of the survey results may contact the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Land and Water Resources, State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, 62794-9281.

Milestones

Laura Lengyel celebrates a birthday today, Oct. 4.

Gary and Gloria Lassen celebrate their wedding anniversary today, Oct. 4.

Alissa Kamachio celebrates a birthday today, Oct. 4.

Christopher Parks celebrates a birthday today, Oct. 4.

R. Miller celebrates a birthday today, Oct. 4.

Daniel Michael Brice celebrates a birthday today, Oct. 4.

Stan Soboleski Jr. celebrates a birthday Oct. 5.

Georgia Downs celebrates a birthday Oct. 5.

Danielle Crampton celebrates a birthday Oct. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burkley celebrate their wedding anniversary Oct. 5.

Brian and Vera Mang celebrate their wedding anniversary Oct. 5.

Christopher McNeish celebrates a birthday Oct. 5.

Brian and Vicki Mang celebrate a birthday Oct. 5.

Julie Courtous celebrates a birthday Oct. 6.

Katie Hatzchers celebrates a birthday Oct. 6.

Lori A. (Jones) Kessler celebrates a birthday Oct. 6.

Kathy (Hudson) Hoffbauer celebrates a birthday Oct. 6.

Robert "Bobby" Hoffmann celebrates a birthday Oct. 6.

Edward and Pauline Nichols celebrate their wedding anniversary Oct. 7.

Broda York celebrates a birthday Oct. 7.

Bob Saccutro celebrates a birthday Oct. 7.

John and Cheryl Revelle celebrate their wedding anniversary Oct. 7.

David and Jo Ann Cook celebrate their wedding anniversary Oct. 8.

Turen and Rita A. Davis celebrate their wedding anniversary Oct. 8.

Jill and Barry Davis celebrate their wedding anniversary Oct. 8.

John and Judith Modrusic celebrate their wedding anniversary Oct. 8.

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Allan Sunderlik celebrates a birthday Oct. 8.

Kelly Revelle celebrates a birthday Oct. 8.

Brad Bentz celebrates a birthday Oct. 9.

Rory Schneider celebrates a birthday Oct. 9.

Crista Brissette celebrates a birthday Oct. 9.

Mark Torgerson celebrates a birthday Oct. 9.

Matthew Todd Burkley celebrates a birthday Oct. 10.

Sharon Lynn Burkley celebrates a birthday Oct. 10.

Merele Pashadag celebrates a birthday Oct. 10.

The Rev. Paul Davidson celebrates a birthday Oct. 10.

Paula Koliote celebrates a birthday Oct. 10.

Arlene Hickman celebrates a birthday Oct. 10.

Mark Wicki celebrates a birthday Oct. 10.

Jack and Barb Schooley celebrate their wedding anniversary Oct. 10.

To submit an item to Milestones or to receive a copy of "A Postcard to Milestones," Granite City Journal, 1818 Delmar Ave., Granite City, Ill. 62040.

Please note that the paper is a person in Milestones has passed away or no longer wishes to be listed.

Divorce and child custody laws favored men, giving no rights to women.

Women had to pay property taxes although they had no representation in the levying of these taxes.

Most occupations were closed to women and when women did work they were paid only a fraction of what men earned.

Women were not allowed to enter college as such as medicine or law.

Women had no means to gain an education since no college or university would accept women.

With only a few exceptions,

Calendar of events

Community

REELIKE FARMS Pumpkin Patch Holiday Harvest Festival continues 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, Sunday, and until Nov. 1 at Monks Mound on Sand Prairie Lane. A haunted barn; hay, pony and buggy rides; food concessions and more planned. Group and school tours are available. Call 797-6654.

HANFORD'S FARM & MARKET October Fun Fest in Granite City runs weekend throughout October beginning this Saturday. Children's games, hayrides and live entertainment are planned.

GRANITE CITY TOWNSHIP Supervisor Bob Shiple is sponsoring a free apple picking from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 10 at Eckert in Gratiot. The event is free for all Granite City senior citizens, bring a sack lunch to eat at the orchard.

2000 MILE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Pontoon Road, in Granite City. All interested persons are invited to attend.

2500 St. Clair in Granite City, is starting a new Sunday service Sunday School. It starts at 8:15 a.m., Worship is at 9:30, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m. in the new addition to the church. The occupancy of the new 600-seat worship center on the same day.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, 1900 St. Clair in Granite City, cordially invites all to their Annual Christmas Bazaar Oct. 11 in the school cafeteria.

All you can eat dinner is served from 4:30 to 8 p.m., cost \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12, and free for children under 5. Carry-outs are available for \$5.

Bazaar, children's game room and raffle are also offered. The school cafeteria is air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible.

ISRAELITE SPIRITUAL CHURCH, 2001 Tudor Ave., in East St. Louis, will have its annual Banquet at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 9 in the Venice Recreation Center, 305 Broadway in Venice.

The prices for the banquet are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

For additional information, call Vera at 651-524 or 877-8862; or Sis. Gloria Shurn, pastor, 397-2603.

Talks

Dr. James Connor, a retired professor of education from SIUE, will speak on the "History and Plans for the Building of the Illinois and Stark Site 1" on Oct. 8 meeting of the OLD TOWNERS.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Pontoon Road, in Granite City.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Women's rights celebrated

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women were not allowed to participate in affairs of the church.

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The Deaf Society Sentiments was debated and ultimately signed by 88 women and 32 men, setting the agenda for the women's rights movement.

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The campaign for women's suffrage took 72 years from the date of the convention. Winning the right to vote ended the women's cause issue, since the vote would provide the means to achieve the other reforms. Women's right to vote was declared part of the U.S. Constitution in 1920.

Not only have women won the right to vote, we are being elected to public office at all levels of government. Today, women hold only 11 percent of the seats in Congress, and 21

percent of the state legislative seats. Women have successfully changed thousands of local, state, and federal laws that had limited women's legal status and social roles. In the working world, large numbers of women have entered the professions, the trades and businesses of every kind.

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So far, so good

Highlights are numerous in first half of football season

This corner's annual midseason collection of highlights and sidelights of high school football is most

Whether from my end zone seat at Belleville Township Stadium or from elsewhere, things are not as expected. Among other things, second-year coach Tim Kane starts with five consecutive victories at Collinsville and veteran coach Mike Schmid goes 0-4 at Alton until rallying to defeat Belleville West 28-21 on Sept. 25.

While Collinsville's success was dramatic, the addition of perennial Southwestern Conference powers Belleville East, Edwardsville and East St. Louis, teams like

Jesseyville and Bethalto (Mississippi Valley), Freeburg (Glen), O'Fallon (South Seven), Roxana (South Central West) and Nashville (River to River) maintained traditions of contend for titles.

However, Breece Central of the Cahokia was the most noteworthy of these teams this year, until the Cougars edged Columbia 28-15.

Touchdown runs of 34 and 35 yards by Nick Franchi, who also caught a 15-yard touchdown pass from Brad Kahrhoof, helped Central break what appeared to be a hex.

In the 1997 season, five of the Cougars' eight defeats were by seven or fewer points, and in 1998, the closeness did not change much, with a 28-13 win against Columbia, which was preceded by three losses by a combined total of five points. To Greencastle, 20-14 to Freeburg, 14-13 to Dupo and then 33-28 to Breece Mater Dei.

From the time spectator Tom Mahr of Millstadt made a nifty catch of an extra-point kick by O'Fallon's Stephen Carroll in a 24-0 victory at Belleville West to the Belleville prep record 49-yard field goal by Althoff's Adam Emitt in a 34-13 rout of Belleville West, I should have expected surprises. Among the highlights:

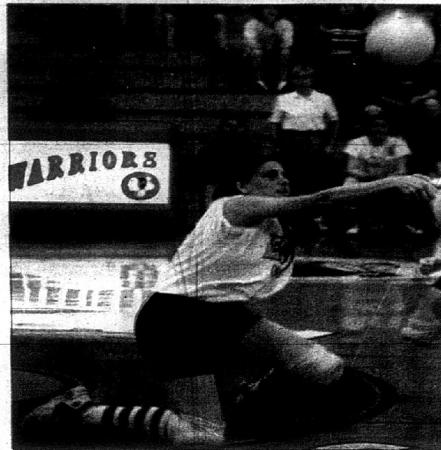
Running time: O'Fallon got touchdown runs apiece from Kerrv Salesman, Preston Jacobs and Junior Adams against Belleville West, but the 74-year jaunt by Tony Smith to set up the Panthers' first TD was equally impressive, since it took a cross-field sprint by Marmaduke's Luke Meier to catch Smith.

No. 1: Collinsville's Kane, a winner of three forfeited games in 1997, gained his first on-the-field triumph, 49-7 over the Bethalto Civic Memorial. Kory Kimbrell scored two TDs and had an interception for the Kahoks, whose streak reached four in a 28-16 victory against

Granite City, marking the best Collinsville start since 1961 under coach Vergil Fletcher.

Deception: Already slowed by the preseason loss of senior back Dante Brinkley (fractured right leg), Belleville East had to wait more than an hour due to a lightning delay at Moline before losing 21-7. Quarterback Tony Patterson ran 47 yards for the Lancer score and a huge dose of foreshadowing.

Deception: Triad had a



Tim Stephenson photo

Down and defeated

A Granite City volleyball player digs up a spike in a recent match. The Warriors were defeated by small school power Red Bud 15-1, 15-7 on Wednesday night. Red Bud also won the Granite City Invitational this season.

Granite City falls short in upset bid

Warriors turned back by Belleville East

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Belleville East overcame a suddenly potent Granite City passing game and kept its playoff hopes alive with Friday's 24-20 victory over visiting Warriors.

East (4-2 overall, 3-1 in the Southwestern Conference) earned the victory despite a superb performance by Granite City junior quarterback Mike May, who completed 13 of 19 passes for 227 yards and three touchdowns, all to senior Mike Simpson.

"Granite City came to play," said East coach Mike McGinnis. "We weren't prepared for their passing attack. I didn't know they could throw like that. But our offense was able to move the ball and it's a good thing they did."

The Lancers took the lead with 8 minutes 42 seconds to play in the first quarter on 11-yard touchdown run by Eugene Richmond.

Granite City tied the game less than two minutes later on a 30-yard pass from May to Simpson. The four-play, 65-yard drive included a 25-yard pass from May to Jeremy Hunter.

East regained the lead at 14-7 on a 1-yard TD run by senior quarterback Tony Patterson late in the first quarter. On the 11-play,

59-yard drive, Patterson ran five times for 30 yards and completed a 15-yard pass to Chris Bishop.

The Lancers' lead didn't last long, as May hit Simpson for a 28-yard touchdown pass with 8:37 remaining in the second quarter. Eric Wienhoff's extra point tied the game at 14-14.

"For whatever reason, Zach hasn't been able to cut loose and throw the ball, but today he was fine and it paid off," said May. "We looked at film (of East) and found a couple things we thought we could exploit. We did a good job with the bootleg plays, and I think May should have had a few more touches, but you don't want to go to the well too often."

East's Brad Binder missed a 37-yard field goal midway through the second quarter.

An interception by Granite City's Sean Courtney, with 2:24 to play in the first half, gave the Warriors a chance to take the lead.

East May was stopped for a 2-yard gain on a first-and-goal from the 10 as time ran out.

On the opening kickoff of the third quarter, East's Justin Snodgrass recovered a Warriors fumble at the Granite City 25. But the drive stalled and Binder's 40-yard field goal

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Granite City set for 18th annual tourney

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The 18th annual Granite City Tournament of Champions will begin on Monday with 14 of the best high school soccer teams in the St. Louis area passing through The Gauntlet to battle.

It is a week fat with games — five a day — and the finals on Saturday.

The tournament was created in 1981 by Granite City soccer coach Gene Baker.

"What happened was that we beat Forest Park in the first and second St. Louis team to win the CVC tournament, what was then a very prestigious tournament," Baker said. "There were many good teams and it was really a

Tournament schedule..... Page 3B

feather in the Granite City cap. We beat Forest Park in the semifinals and then St. Mary's, who was loaded at the time, in the finals."

"But you would play in Forest Park, sometimes on unmarked fields. They would call you the night before to tell

you which field you were playing on. My idea was that it would be kind of neat to walk out of there with a win, and then start a tournament that was maybe more organized."

With 28 teams and 24 of them are on the same field. It's so helpful for recruiters and fans to be on one

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Granite City forges tie with Panthers

Smith's goal late in overtime draws Warriors into deadlock with O'Fallon

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City sophomore Mike Smith scored on a penalty kick with 1 minute 15 seconds remaining in the second

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overtime Wednesday night to give the Warriors a 2-2 tie with O'Fallon.

Smith was pulled down on the left side of the box as he was driving the Warriors attack, and the official pointed to the spot. Smith, with O'Fallon keeper Jason McGinty high to the right,

"I was looking right side," Smith said. "I was starting to get frustrated, because they were fooling me a lot, fooling me pretty hard."

"I had some chances I missed early. I should have put some in earlier, and I knew I had to put (the penalty kick) in."

"It was a tough game. I'm glad we got out of there with a

The Panthers had pulled ahead six minutes earlier when junior Justin Judisic went unmarked at the edge of the box and the opening to beat Granite City senior keeper Brandon Williams.

Granite City had opened the scoring in the 26th minute of the first half.

Conrad Winfield took a free kick from 30 yards out. His shot found Dave Margrabe in the area, and Margrabe headed it in for his 12th goal of the year.

"I just swerved it in," Winfield said. "I knew Dave could get over everyone else because he has such a good vertical jump. I knew if I put it in there he would get it."

But with 36 seconds left in the first half, O'Fallon junior Brooks Colvin made an end-to-end run and the defense was late picking him up. Colvin beat Williams to the goal.

Granite City coach Gene Baker had to miss the game after receiving two yellow cards in Monday's Southwestern Conference victory over Belleville West.

"It was weird," Smith said. "It's easier with Coach here."

Assistant coach Dave Ames took the reins.

"We always played with a lot of heart and emotion, and I think our kids showed a lot of heart to not give up," Ames said. "I think they should have played better. We had two or three lapses, and a couple of them resulted in goals."

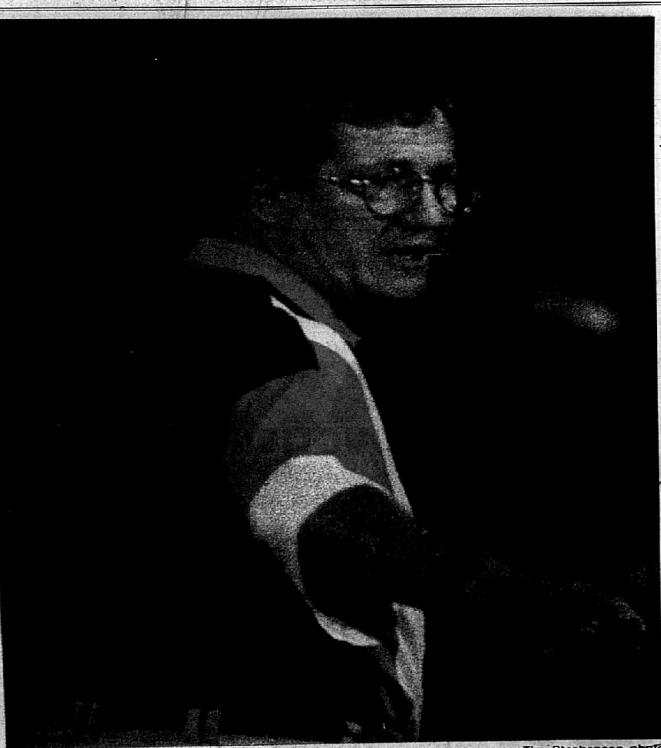
"Anytime you're down, when you do well with 36 seconds remaining in the first half, it's like a second wind. They shoot for us, get pumped up to play us."

Now it's the Warriors' opening match of the Granite City Tournament of Champions, 7:45 p.m. Monday against Belleville West. It is a rematch of the war of attrition that scorched Laderman Park last Monday night.

"It has to be a challenge for us to come back and play our game," Ames said. "We just have to know what to expect this time."

"We think it will be easier for us to do that on our own field. Playing there is an advantage for them, and playing here is an advantage for us."

"We just have to play hard and make runs and be



Granite City assistant soccer coach Dave Ames directed the Warriors on Thursday night as Gene Baker had to sit out due to two yellow cards he was assessed Monday.

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Sports

Boys soccer schedules/results

ALTHOFF
Coach: Dave Stosberg
(7-5-2)

September	
1 Belleville West	W 1-0
3 Waterloo BAC	W 8-0
5 Wood River	W 1-0
8 Edwardsville	L 0-1
10 Mat Del.	W 1-0
13 at O'Fallon	L 1-3
15 at Quincy	L 1-3
19 at Hazelwood (Mo.) Central	W 3-0
vs. Rosary	W 3-0
vs. Duesenberg	L 1-2
26 Highland	T 1-1
28 Jackson (Mo.), at BAC	W 3-2

October	
1 at Springfield	W 3-2
3 vs. Cape Girardeau (Mo.) Central	L 1-1
5 vs. Rosary	W 4-0
7 at Gibault	W 4-0
12-17 Alton Tournament	TBA
19 Belleville East	4 p.m.

BELLEVILLE EAST
Coach: Gary Carr
(10-1-2)*

August	
29 Quincy	W 5-1
September	
5 at St. Louis Univ. High	W 2-1
7 at Cahokia	W 2-1
12 Arnold (Mo.) Fox	W 3-0
15 at Edwardsville	T 2-2
21-26 Hazelwood (Mo.) Central Tournament	W 2-0
vs. Chesterfield (Mo.) Parkway Central	W 5-1
vs. Wildwood (Mo.) Lafayette	T 2-2
28 at Alton	L 1-2
29 at Alton	W 2-1 (OT)

BELLEVILLE WEST
Coach: Bill Houck
(3-8-1)

August	
29 at Wescelin	W 15-0
September	
1 Alton	L 0-1
3 Hart	L 0-3
8 at Mater Del.	4 p.m.
10 Alton	W 3-1
12 at Edwardsville	L 0-2
13 Gibault	W 2-0
19 at Carbondale	L 2-4
21-26 CYO Tournament	T 3-3
vs. St. Louis Univ. High	L 1-3
vs. St. Louis Mary's	L 0-3
vs. St. Louis Vianney	L 1-2
26 Granite City	L 1-2

October

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1 at Belleville East	L 1-2
5-10 Granite City Tournament	TBA
vs. St. Louis Chamade	4:45 p.m.
vs. St. Louis Mary's	3:15 p.m.
BL Charles County (Mo.)	6:15 p.m.
Fort Zumwalt South	6:15 p.m.
13 Granite City	7:15 p.m.
17 Triad	11 a.m.
19 at Althoff	7 p.m.
20 at Gibault	4 p.m.

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BELLEVILLE WEST
Coach: Bill Houck
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Belleville East rallies to defeat Belleville West

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

The Belleville East soccer team executed its "two-minute drill" to perfection Thursday afternoon.

Belleville West 1-0, the Warriors scored a pair of goals in the final two minutes to claim a 2-1 victory.

Senior Jim Heinen, after a throw-in by Ryan Coates, assisted by John Louis, had scored on a header at the 78:07 mark to tie the game.

"Ryan made a great throw and I was in the right place at the right time," said Heinen, who is usually a sweeper, but played forward against West. "We work on that play four or

five times a week in practice and it paid some dividends today. "It was just my second goal of the season, but I'm primarily a defensive player."

East (10-2-2 overall, 3-0-1 in the Southwestern Conference) had the better scoring chances in a scoreless first half, but West came out strong at the start of the second half and took a 1-0 lead. The mark on a goal by Mark Gessford, who got past several Lancers defenders and blasted a shot past goalkeeper Pat Batting.

"When we got the tying goal, I thought it was going into overtime, but these guys are full of surprises," said East coach Gary Carr. "They're not afraid to take a shot that you don't have time to think and just react. When we become more deliberate, we're not a very effective

team. "(West) really picked it up. Their midfielders and forwards, especially, played a really good transition game. They moved into position and got passing support from their teammates. Their hustle and intensity was a real important thing."

It wasn't the first heartbreak loss this season for West, which dropped to 4-8-1 overall and 1-3 in the SWC.

"In the first half, they pretty much controlled the game," said Maroons coach Bill Houck. "We had some chances, but nothing to write home about. We got a goal in the second half and got one goal, and we had a couple more chances."

"Having a tie or a lead has been a problem for us Monday against Granite City (in a 2-1 loss), we let them score with five minutes left in

the game. Somebody has to step up on the team and make sure we don't let them do that."

"The two goals they scored were nice goals. The first one was a sweet header (by Coates). But where was our guy?"

After a sluggish start in the second half, East stepped up the pressure on West goalkeeper Matt Nagel in the closing minutes.

"We played with some urgency," Heinen said. "Down 1-0, we had to step it up a notch."

"This was a conference game and we'd love to defend the conference title. Any time we play West, we don't want to lose, especially at home."

"They played for those opportunities and they got them," Houck said. "We didn't have that sense of urgency."

Both teams play this week in the Granite City Tournament of Champions. West opens pool play at 7:30 p.m. Monday against the host Warriors, while East faces Champlain at 4:45 p.m. Monday.

**Belleville East 2,
Belleville West 1**

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BELLEVILLE EAST 0 2 — 2

BELLEVILLE WEST — Mark Gessford (assisted by Jim Heinen, 48:07)
BELLEVILLE EAST — Ryan Coates (assisted by John Louis), 78:07.

Shots East 22, West 10.
Saves Pat Boyne (BV), 5; Matt Nagel (BW), 6.
Fouls East 11, West 12.
Corner kicks East 9, West 4.

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Group C — St. Louis County Aquinas-Mercy, Hazelwood Central, Belleville West, St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.

Group D — St. Charles (Mo.) West, St. Charles County (Mo.) Duchesne, Blue Springs (Mo.) Springfield Sacred Heart-Girard.

SCHEDULE

Monday 4 p.m. — St. Charles West vs. Duchesne (adjacent field).

North vs. Aquinas-Mercy, Francis Howell North vs. Champlain.

Tuesday 4:45 p.m. — McCluer North vs. O'Fallon.

7:45 p.m. — Granite City vs. Belleville West.

Wednesday 4 p.m. — Belleville West vs. Francis Howell North (adjacent field).

4:45 p.m. — Rosary vs. Belleville East.

4:45 p.m. — DeSmet vs. Hazelwood Central.

6:15 p.m. — Champlain vs. Hazelwood Central.

7:45 p.m. — Blue Springs vs. Duchesne.

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Tigers stick a loss on Collinsville

By Louie Korac
Staff writer

No. 150 will have to wait. Collinsville High coach Ron Rowden picked up career coaching victory No. 149

BOYS SOCCER 2-0. The Kahoks topped Alton 2-0.

He was denied in his bid to pick up his 150th victory against Edwardsville — another former Kahoks assistant coach, Marie Swanson, now the Tigers' coach. Luke Kreamalmeyer scoring his second goal of the game with 11 minutes 3 seconds remaining to break a 1-1 tie and send the Tigers past the Kahoks 2-1 in a Southwest Conference match at Bob Guelich Field.

Edwardsville improved to 6-5-2 on the season, and remained unbeaten in the SWC at 2-0-2. Collinsville's struggles continue as the Kahoks fell to 1-1.

"I think that besides the result, I'm happy with the way we played in this match," Schwarzkopf said. "I think our possession is getting better and that's something that we've been stressing for the past few weeks. Our communication still needs to be improved, but that's something unfortunately you have to kind of get in their mindset to improve and

they've kind of been a little bit reluctant to open their mouths when needed."

"I thought the first part of the first half was great. We had great ball possession, good territorial advantage. We didn't give up possession and we were playing in which is something we're struggling with a little bit but we're getting better at."

Kreamalmeyer's tie-breaking goal came on a free kick just to the left of Kahoks keeper Kevin Connolly as Matt Artrip placed the Kreamalmeyer pass dead in its

tracks and Kreamalmeyer surprised Connolly with a shot just to the left of the keeper.

"The thing is that Kreamalmeyer is that he's beginning to understand more," Schwarzkopf said. "He's essentially got a dual role. He's a finisher. He's a very, very gifted finisher, but at the same time, he's not as good as we ask him."

Sean Gregory gave the Kahoks a 1-0 lead at 9:27. Brad Terry flicked Gregory the ball and Gregory made no mistake in slipping a shot past Nathan Shand. The score seven minutes later as he received a soft touch pass from R. J. Ellinger, touched the ball in front of him and hit a low shot to Connolly's right and into the corner.

Collinsville coach Ron Rowden said the game was indicative of the Kahoks season.

"It's typical of our season," he said. "We play a pretty strong, solid midfield game, but when pressure we had to give up possession in the end. We kept them out of our end, but that seems to be some of the problems we're having. They get two shots from 30 or so yards out and two go in. And that's been kind of the selling point for us, I think, for five seconds and we're giving up goals."

Granite City hosts 18th annual tourney

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field at one site.

"We try to have a range of amenities. We have a nice barbecue, do a pre-tournament team, an all-star team. We will have a press-conference of St. Louis officials mixed in, which is healthier."

"We have the banquet the preceding Sunday night at Chamber's. It's a fine rate. We feel it's good for the camaraderie of the coaches."

"We have the Steel City Shootout instead of a third-place game, which we think is nice."

The shootout tournament has one shooter and one goalie from each competing team compete in a penalty kick format which is sudden death from the start. One loss and the duo is eliminated.

The novelty doesn't stop there.

"We try to do something new each year. This year I'm going to talk to the coaches about player profiles. We would put an easel out on the field for the game with the picture of our players from one team on it. It's a way for the coaches to say, 'Hey,' keep your eye on this guy,"

There will be plenty of eyes on the top players.

"Any player from 50 to 75 college coaches come in to scout," Baker said. "We feel like this is a recruiters paradise. So many schools have come out of here, due to the fact that you can see good games every night."

"Joe Maroni, the coach at

Connecticut, used to come and recruit assistants. He would show up with this all-purpose attack case. Next to his recruiting list he'd have notes like, 'Remember, he's a bunter. He'd stay sometimes three days.'

"So many good players get recruited. The Florida International, a lot of them are from here. He'll stay the whole week and pick out somebody who no one else is looking at, and that's a good sign to be an excellent player."

For the second consecutive year, the Granite City Tournament will lose member teams to the Rick Hudson Memorial Tournament in St. Louis, which for the second year is played during the same week and honors a long-time St. Louis high school referee who passed away.

"They are trying to do something good for a man's name, his family, and the sport he loved," Baker said. "I

think it's more than competition, what life is all about. And any time there is competition, it's healthy."

"In fact, what they have done, it takes our very format and enact it and they've found out how much work is involved. They're actually moved their finals to Sunday, which is good because soccer people can see both."

The Granite City Tournament still brings together the best representation of clubs from both sides of the river.

"It's one of the highlights of the season, and something of which Granite City can be very proud," Baker said. "It brings people into the community. We think it has its place and reputation as one of the best high school tournaments in the country. I get calls from all over from people wanting to come."

And it prepares the Warriors — and all the other teams involved — for their march down the wire.

"It proves whether or not you can be tournament-wise," Baker said. "It gets you ready for your local standards. Usually people believe that if you can win the Granite City Tournament, you can win your state title."

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prepared to get fouled without retaliating," Winfield said.

"We're going to be off the field Wednesday night with a bag of ice around his ankle, but the Warriors' leading scorer offered some welcome news when he left.

"I'll be back for the tournament."

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Collinsville has a secret weapon in Ballinger

Speedy senior sparks offense and special teams

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Steve Ballinger has become the Collinsville High football team's secret weapon ... until now.

Ballinger, a starting defensive end among the Metro East leaders in touchdown scored this fall ... and it is not because of his defensive play.

Ballinger has been sprinkled times this season, lining up at tailback and making the most of his opportunities. Ballinger has rushed for four TDs this season, including a 70-yard romper last week against Belleville East.

Collinsville, which took a 5-0

record into Friday night's game with East St. Louis, was benefiting most from Ballinger's efforts on kick returns. He has run back two for touchdowns at key times this season. His 84-yard return against Belleville West to begin the second half allowed the Cardinals to double their lead against the Maroons.

His 99-yard return against Belleville East last weekend helped make the difference in a 21-13 victory against the defending Southwestern Conference champions. For the night against the Lancers, Ballinger touched the ball five times and had 176 all-purpose yards.

"He has obviously done a real good job on special

teams," Collinsville football coach Tim Kane said. "He has done a tremendous job on special teams as far as being up with big plays, whether it be knocking the ball down or coming up with the big hit."

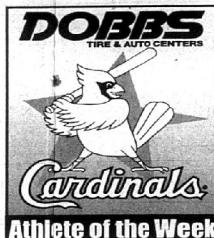
"Offensively, he is a real good return man in there with Kory (Kirchner) and Steve (Eric Stewart). Kory and Steve are a little bit of more pounding-type runners whereas Steve is a little bit more shifty and a different style of a runner. I think on both of the plays he scored on against East, it was nice to see him going down the sidelines with Kory trying to catch him that he was pulling away from them."

Ballinger to date has been a

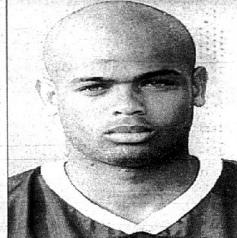
secret because of the way Kane uses the senior in the offensive scheme.

Last year, Ballinger was one of the Kahoks' starting running backs. However, Kane decided to use the 5-foot-10, 190-pound senior primarily on defense in a move that has payed off from starting both on offense and defense. Kane told Ballinger his intentions to get him into the back field at some point during each game.

"I think you have somebody like Steve. Teams don't get to see him a whole lot," Kane said. "They are used to seeing Kory and Steve, but not Steve like this. They are different styles of runners. Kory has good open field speed and is powerful but isn't shifty like



Athlete of the Week



John Swistak Jr. photo

Steve. When you throw Steve in there, it is a totally different type of back that you have to adjust to. You are used to one type of guy and then you kind of get that little surprise."

Collinsville's Steve Ballinger has returned two kickoffs for touchdowns this season.

Granite City Park District organizes basketball leagues

The Granite City Park District Men's Basketball Leagues are being organized. The leagues will be played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Prather School and

Grigsby Middle School.

The entry fee for all basketball leagues is \$20 per team, plus \$25 for non-resident fee. The starting date for the program is Nov. 10.

Registration will begin today and will close on Oct. 23.

For more information, call Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park Office, 877-3059.

Volleyball league

The Granite City Park District is planning a coed volleyball league, to be played on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at Coolidge Middle School.

Entry fees for this program are \$175.00 per team, plus \$25 for non-residents. Registrations are being accepted until Oct. 23.

For more information, call the Wilson Park office at 877-3059.

Youth basketball

The Granite City Park District is in need of coaches for the new third- and fourth- and fifth- and sixth-grade basketball programs. Team competition will be played on Saturday mornings and afternoons at Coolidge Middle School beginning in November. Coaches are

invited to enroll teams as well as individual players.

Registration is underway for boys and girls in grades 3-6. The cost for the 14-week program is \$25 for residents of the Granite City Park District and \$35 for non-residents. T-shirts will be provided to each team member. Call the Wilson Park office at 877-3059 for more information.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the new instructional basketball program for boys and girls in second grade. This 14-week program will be run by Coach Mark Scott each Monday evening, 7-9 p.m. The league is sponsored by Dairy Queen and Granite City Community Federal Credit Union.

Registration is now underway. The cost is \$20 for residents of the Granite City Parks District and \$33 for non-residents. T-shirts will be provided. Call the Wilson Park office at 877-3059 for more information.

Basketball club

An AAU basketball club in southwestern Illinois invites fourth- and fifth-grade basketball players to a clinic and a tryout. The clinic will be held on Oct. 10 (3-6 p.m.). The tryout is Oct. 17 (3-6 p.m. for fourth-graders; 4-6 p.m. for fifth-graders).

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Volleyball tryouts

Game Face Volleyball Club will conduct tryouts for its boys 15-18 team from 6-10 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Family Sportsplex, 2346 Massac Ave. in Belleville. Divisions include junior high (grades 5-6 and 7-8) and high school (grades 9-12). For more information, call Jeff Juenger at 235-7503 or Augie Werner at 277-7118.

Soccer tryout

The Lady Knights Soccer Club is having tryouts for unregistered players for its under-8 through under-11 team girls teams.

Tryouts for under-8 (Aug. 1, 1988 to July 31, 1990) and under-11 (Aug. 1, 1989 to July 31, 1990) will be from 6-7:30 p.m. on Oct. 28 and 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 1 at the Family Sportsplex in Belleville.

Tryouts for under-10 (Aug. 1, 1988 to July 31, 1990) and under-11 (Aug. 1, 1989 to July 31, 1990) will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. on Oct. 28 and 5:30-7 p.m. on Nov. 1 at the Family Sportsplex.

The Family Sportsplex in Belleville is offering the following fall leagues:

• Baseball: applications are being accepted for the 1998-99 cageball seasons. Divisions include junior high (grades 5-6 and 7-8) and high school (grades 9-12). For more information, call Lee Mays at 236-6395 or the Family Sportsplex at 277-7118.

• Soccer: 18 and over and 30 and over coed leagues will begin in October. A youth indoor soccer league starts Nov. 7, with an entry deadline of Oct. 27. For more information, call 277-7111.

• Volleyball: men's and women's and coed leagues are forming now. For more information, call Kay Schmidtmeyer at 397-2055 or the Family Sportsplex at 277-7111.

• Basketball: youth leagues for boys and girls grades 3-8 start Nov. 1 with an entry deadline of Oct. 10. Basketball clinics for boys and girls (grades kindergarten through sixth) begin on Oct. 11 and an entry deadline of Oct. 3. For more information, call 277-7111.

For more information, call the Lady Knights Soccer Club at 539-4712.

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Kahoks defeat Flyers on the field for first time since '75

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Tim Kane was just 6 years old the last time the Collinsville High football team defeated perennial power East St. Louis on the football field. None of the current Kahoks players were even born.

The Flyers' 23-year-old stranglehold against Collinsville ended Friday night at Kahok Stadium, as the Kahoks topped East Side 21-6.

Technically, Collinsville earned a 1-0 victory last year against the Flyers due to an East St. Louis teachers strike last year. However, Friday night marked the Kahoks' first victory in the 23 years since the Flyers' win.

With the win, Collinsville kept its perfect record intact at 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the Southwestern Conference.

East St. Louis dropped its second straight SWC game and is 1-3 in league play and 4-5 overall. The Flyers ended the year ranked fifth in the state's most recent Class 5A poll.

"I can put this into perspective: We are 6-0 and it feels great," CHS football coach Tim Kane said. "This gets us one more step closer to the playoffs and one step closer to the conference title. Hopefully, it is a great feeling for the entire community for as long as it has been. These kids have worked hard and they certainly deserve it."

East St. Louis' Terry Hill said the long dominance the Flyers had against Collinsville had to end some time.

"They played a good game. They came out and just played a hard game," Hill said. "They are doing a good job and I wish them all the luck in the world."

Defense was the name of the game in the first half. Both teams had to punt on their first

three possessions before the Flyers had the first series to thread the needle.

East Side got over its 3-yard line and marched to Collinsville's 2-yard line. On third-and-1 at the 2, the Flyers picked first down and had first-and-goal from the 1-yard line. On the next play, however, the ball slipped from the hands of quarterback Steven Haire and coughed up the ball. The Kahoks' D'Marco Anderson fell on the ball to end the drive.

"We had a couple of opportunities to have the momentum swing over to us," Hill said. "We fumbled the ball and then the first half, it really looked like we were going to get into some ball control but every time we got into some ball control something happened — a mistake or whatever."

The first half ended in a brisk 40 minutes.

Collinsville used its patented back-breaking play — the kick return — to score the game's first touchdown at the opening of the second half.

Kory Kimbrell snared the kick at his own 15 and crossed with John Kinscherff, handing off the ball. While the Flyers kick team bit on Kimbrell, Kinscherff found plenty of running room and cut inside of East St. Louis' kicker Kevin Edwards at the Flyers' 35 en route to the end zone.

Kimbrell added the PAT and the Kahoks led 7-0 just 13 seconds into the second half.

"It is pretty unbelievable how different people step up each week," Kane said. "We have a ton of diversity in our team and the kids just gel together as a total team. It was a great team effort. It was tremendous to see us come together like that. John Kinscherff just stepped up and did tremendous job for us on the return. He put a nice move on and had the whole team behind him."

The adversity the Kahoks faced is in regard to the eligibility of starting defensive back Steve Ballinger, whose place of residence

may be in question.

Collinsville principal Ronald Ganschinetz contacted the Illinois High School Association early Thursday morning after the school investigated the matter. Ballinger did not dress for the game.

The IHSA expects a ruling on the matter next week. If Ballinger is ruled ineligible by the IHSA, Collinsville may have to forfeit its first five victories of the season.

East St. Louis had its own adversity after the kick return.

On the ensuing drive, the Flyers ran two sweeps and lost a total of three yards. On third-and-13, East St. Louis' ballecarrier Darren Jones was hit hard and fumbled. Collinsville's Cory Wilson recovered the ball at the Flyers' 38.

Six plays later, Eric Stewart scored on a 13-yard run to increase the Kahoks' lead to 14-0 with 7:27 remaining in the third quarter.

East Side scored when backup quarterback Kevin Edwards kept the ball and covered 24 yards before being tackled.

But the Kahoks took the game away with a 9-minute 40-second drive capped by Kimbrell's 2-yard TD plunge.

Collinsville 21,
East St. Louis 6

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Third Quarter

CHS — John Kinscherff 85 kickoff return (Kory Kimbrell kick), 11:47.

CHS — Eric Stewart 13 run (Kimbrell kick), 7:27.

ESL — Kevin Edwards 24 run (kick failed), :58.

Fourth Quarter

CHS — Kimbrell 2 run (Kimbrell kick), 3:18.



Granite City quarterback Zack May burned Belleville East for 227 yards on 13 of 19 passing but the Warriors dropped a 24-20 decision.

Lancers turn back Warriors' upset bid

Continued from Page 1B

attempt bounced off the crossbar.

The Lancers were more successful on their next drive, as a 58-yard run by Richmonde set up a 3-yard touchdown plunge by Neil Beckett with 1:13 to play in the third quarter.

East increased its lead to 24-14 on a 25-yard field goal by Binder with 1:20 to play in the fourth quarter.

Granite City came back with

a 25-yard TD pass from May to Simpson with 1:42 remaining.

The Warriors onside kick attempt was recovered by East's Kevin Aaron and the Lancers were able to run out the clock.

"We played well, but this is my third year and moral victories don't mean a whole lot," Petrioli said. "We need some wins on the scoreboard."

Belleville East 24,
Granite City 20

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BELLEVILLE EAST — Eugene

Richmonde 11 runs (Brad Binder kick), 6:42.

GRANITE CITY — Mike Simpson 30

pass from Zack May (Eric Wienhoff kick), 11:47.

BELLEVILLE EAST — Tony Patterson

1 run (Binder kick), 1:59.

BELLEVILLE EAST — Mike Simpson 28 pass

from May (Wienhoff kick), 8:37.

BELLEVILLE EAST — Neil Beckett 3

run (Richmonde kick), 1:13.

BELLEVILLE EAST — Binder 25 field

goal, 4:20.

GRANITE CITY — Simpson 25 pass

from May (kick blocked), 1:42.

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Holbrook still questions wisdom of FAA decision

By Larry Ingram
Staff writer

State Rep. Thomas Holbrook, D-Belleville, said the W-1W expansion is still not in the best interest of a viable air system for the St. Louis metropolitan area.

The St. Louis Airport Authority announced Wednesday that the FAA has approved plans for the expansion of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. The project will cost \$2.6 billion.

"It is reprehensible that the FAA has not given consideration to using MidAmerica Airport," said Holbrook. "We will review the decision, weigh the options and take action. MidAmerica must be included in any current and future plans concerning all types of air transportation in the bi-state region."

Other Illinois legislators, State Rep. Jay Holbrook (Collinsville), State Rep. Ron Stephens (Fenton) agree with Holbrook in favoring the use of MidAmerica.

St. Louis Mayor Clarence Harmon described the decision as a "bold and exciting move forward for aviation and most importantly, the regional economy." The mayor made the statement at a press conference held Wednesday.

Holbrook had requested that FAA administrator Jan Garvey delay her decisions concerning the expansion to allow for a comprehensive analysis that would include MidAmerica Airport.

"Before a multi-billion dollar mistake is perpetrated upon the American taxpayer, I would like to know why MidAmerica Airport

should not be expanded for far less money," Holbrook said in a letter to Garvey.

John Baricevic, chairman of the St. Clair County Airport Commission, said MidAmerica must be included in any current and future plans concerning all types of air transportation in the bi-state region.

"The continued expansion of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport is absolutely essential to the continued development of the Illinois portion of the St. Louis region," said Baricevic. "St. Louis and Lambert need a reliever airport, and that's the role MidAmerica will continue to play with an expanded and stronger Lambert."

MidAmerica Airport is owned by St. Clair County. At present, no commercial airline has signed on with MidAmerica.

Herb Kelleher, chairman and CEO of Southwest Airlines, supports the FAA's decision.

"The FAA's decision will help assure Lambert's standing as a major midwest domestic and international hub for many years to come," Kelleher said.

St. Louis has had Lambert-St. Louis International Airport for more than 70 years.

Thomas Holbrook

Airport buyout will begin immediately, Griggs says

By Clayton Berry
Staff writer

an estimated 1,937 residential parcels, mainly in Bridgeton.

Lambert officials will meet with affected property owners during a series of public workshops next month. All of the land acquisition is expected to be completed by 2004.

"As mayor, I have been assured that those impacted businesses and impacted communities will be treated with compassion and fairness," said St. Louis Mayor Clarence Harmon. "I will demand nothing less."

The first planes should taxi the new runway in 2004, Griggs said. The expansion is expected to add an \$8 billion to the economy. The region already profits from about \$5 billion in revenues from operations associated with Lambert.

An estimated 17,000 new airport-related jobs would be created in the region's third-largest employee base. Tens of thousands of related service jobs are expected to follow the expansion.

More than 4,000 construction jobs would be created annually for the next decade, officials said.

Now doubt the economic implications for the region, but many question whether St. Louis city can afford the project, which Griggs said remains at a projected cost of \$2.6 billion.

Griggs said a tax increase is not necessary to cover W-1W costs. The favorable Record of Decision has given St. Louis Lambert officials to pursue federal dollars. Increased Lambert revenue will help defray the expense, Griggs said.

Suit will seek to block expansion

By Barbara Ponder
Staff writer

validity do zoning ordinances have?"

Bridgeton officials want the court to stop construction of W-1W and to require St. Louis to apply to Bridgeton for rezoning or permits in order to pursue the plan.

Bridgeton will file suit against the Federal Aviation Administration after reviewing the Record of Decision, which the FAA is expected to release by Oct. 14, Bowers said. That suit will allege the city failed to comply with federal law because it failed to fully assess the alternative expansion proposals.

"Bridgeton officials support airport expansion but believe the W-1W expansion plan is unsafe and will not provide a sufficient level of capacity for Lambert to become a world-class airport."

The city is willing to back its concerns with cash. It spends about \$100,000 of every dollar of revenue fighting W-1W, Bowers said.

Borton said W-1W is nothing more than a huge public works project's billions of dollars in job and concrete," Borton said. "But is it going to work after they build it? The air traffic controllers are here."

The National Air Traffic Controllers Association and the Air Line Pilots Association oppose the plan.

Manuel Sanchez, president of the controllers, said the controllers have "said all we're going to say" about the plan.

Reactions vary to FAA decision on plan

By Michael Penrod
Staff writer

really provided the (airport) capacity that was promised and it was really safe to operate," Barwinski said. "It's hard to fault the National Air Line Pilots Association and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association oppose the plan in light of the serious safety issues with W-1W."

But others, while saddened at having to give up their homes, are happy that a decision was made.

Don Vandervort, spokesman for the residents group Let's Get on With Our Lives, said his organization's members feel relief over news of the FAA's decision on W-1W.

"This is a bittersweet day for us because we truly love our city of Bridgeton. This is not the end of celebration for us at all," Vandervort said.

Lauren Neurath, an opponent of W-1W, said the residents of Bridgeton have been treated unfairly by Lambert Airport Director Jim Griggs, St. Louis Mayor Clarence Harmon and U.S. Rep. Richard Gephardt.

"I really feel that the people who want to take us out should take us out and respect to come into our community and talk to us and listen to what we have to say," Neurath said.

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